



Attorney's Docket No. 038881/202803 (8881-1A)

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re: Fehring *et al.*  
Appl. No.: 09/660,948  
Filed: September 13, 2000  
For: ENHANCED BIOC

Confirmation No.: 7387  
Group Art Unit: 1742  
Examiner: A. Wessman  
PLANTS AND ALLOYS

September 11, 2002

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

## **AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 15, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

### **In The Claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

37. (Amended) A biocompatible cobalt-base alloy of Claim 17 wherein said alloy has a ratio of (weight percent Cr + ½ weight percent Mo) / weight percent Co in the range of below about 0.450.